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had, thus far, a pretty hard battle to fight,  
Bro. P.; but in my opinion you have acquitted  
yourself well. Success to you, I say, with all  
my heart. Our paper is now removed to Ch-  
ester, where it is to be published weekly. There  
has been some delay in getting a going, than  
we anticipated. The first number I hope how-  
ever will out tomorrow. Bro. Gooding takes  
charge for a little while, until our perma-  
nent editor is secured. We now expect that Mr  
McNawney of Bloomfield, will be our editor.  
I have many things to say, but as I hope to  
see you soon, I defer them for the present,

Yours truly,  
Wm Lunt

P.S. I should be glad to subscribe for the  
abolitionist for a year. Can you without in-  
convenience put my name on the list? I will pay  
for it when I am up to the convention. W. L.



[In answer to a request to append my name to the call. I was in some perplexity as to the best course to pursue. I finally concluded, however, to give my name, provided that the call did not "invite or sanction" female membership. I stated to ~~Wm~~ May Phillips that I considered the course pursued by the last convention, as in violation of the general understanding of the call, and of mischievous tendency, and should the same course be again repeated I should consider myself as excluded from any participation in the doings of the Convention. I have been somewhat division to me whether they will use my name. If they do, they will decide that women ~~shall have~~ not, under the call that they issue, any right to claim seats as members.] I am exceedingly desirous to go to the N. Y. meeting, but I am tied here, hand and foot and it is absolutely impossible. [I hope however to be up at the N. E. Convention. Bro. Adams I think will go. I am doing all that I can to get out a good delegation, and I trust that we shall be well represented from Maine. Abolitionists here will go right on all these subjects. Garrison's influence here is now nothing.] I sent you the other day, our Annual Report, which I believe will be found sufficiently orthodox on the political question. You have



Prof. Wm Smyth

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1839

Brother Phelps,

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Your favor of the 9<sup>th</sup> inst, and your  
joint letter with bro Scott of the 20<sup>th</sup> instant, have  
been duly received. I have been looking, ~~on~~ with  
intense interest, upon the controversy now going on  
in Massachusetts, and have been wishing for a  
long time to write you on the subject, but I have  
been so hard pressed with multifarious labors  
as not to find the time. I rejoice exceedingly  
at the stand you have taken, and I regard  
your success as vitally important to the very ex-  
istence of the present N. S. movement. Mr Gar-  
nison has, during this affair, thus far, manifested  
a degree of selfishness, persecution, and love of  
domination absolutely disgraceful to him. And  
I do most sincerely hope that he will now receive  
a shock, that will either cure him, or break down  
his influence for evil upon the prosperity of the  
cause. It is time that the cause should be  
separated from the abominable issue, that he is  
striving to hide on to it, and I hope that the  
thing will now be done thoroughly. In regard  
to the New England Convention, [I wrote to Mr  
{ Phillips], [the day before yours of the 9<sup>th</sup> arrived]